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In re application of: Philip G. Costello, et al.

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For: TAILGATE STABILIZER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Positioned in the inner chambers of tubes 50, 60 is an elastic element in the form of spring

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90. Spring 90 includes a plurality of coils 92 and two legs 94, 96. Formed at the end of each of the legs is a loop 98, 100. The coils of the spring form a substantially cylindrical chamber 102 along the longitudinal length of the coils. Spring 90 has a particular spring rate based upon the load range the counterbalance is to be exposed. The number of coils in the spring and the length of the legs of the spring are selected depending on the amount of extension desired for the counterbalance

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